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A.—(*a*) & (*b*) A list showing the names of honorary organizers is placed in the Council Library. Information as to their caste is given wherever available.

(*c*) No allowance or any other kind of remuneration is at present given to honorary organizers.

(*d*) The hon. Member is referred to the circular memorandum of the Registrar-General of Panchayats containing hints to honorary organizers, a copy of which is placed in the Council Library.

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—" With reference to the answer given to clause (*c*) may I know why, when the Government allow travelling allowance to honorary assistant registrars of co-operative societies, they do not allow the same privilege to honorary organizers of village panchayats ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" The question is under consideration."

Education.

Age-limit for admission into Secondary schools.

* 2297 *Q.*—Mr. K. ABDUL HYE : Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Director of Public Instruction has issued proceedings recently that boys over 20 years of age should be refused admission into secondary schools ; and

(*b*) the reasons for this age-limit ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) No proceedings were issued that boys over 20 years of age should be definitely refused admission into secondary schools. Heads of schools were, however, advised not to admit grown-up pupils. The intention of the circular has since been clearly explained to subordinate officers. The circular was merely advisory. The Director's intention was that if, for example, a man of 25 applied for admission to the fourth form the application should be rejected. A boy who has already entered the Secondary School-Leaving Certificate course would of course be permitted to finish his course. No definite age-limit has been prescribed by the Director in regard to the admission or promotion of pupils in secondary schools and the matter is therefore one left to the discretion of heads of institutions.

Promotion of Mr. Velan as Deputy Inspector.

* 2298 *Q.*—Mr. R. VEERIAN : With reference to question No. 1732, dated 23rd March 1926, will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) why Mr. Velan's claim referred to in the Proceedings of the Director of Public Instruction Dis. No. 2610/23, dated 23rd July 1923, for promotion to Deputy Inspector's cadre was not considered though there was a vacancy in 1923 and another in 1925 to which two non-Mappilla candidates possessing the same qualifications as Mr. Velan were appointed ; and